

STORMS

18 Inches & Counting!

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Duxbury was beginning the process of digging out again on Tuesday, as snowflakes continued to fall and total accumulation reached upwards of 18 inches, not counting snow drifts.

"This is crazy," said Mitch Miller of Depot St., who had been smart enough to move his car to the end of the driveway Monday night, but still faced a daunting task of getting it fully dug out.

"We've been fairly busy, but nothing serious. We were concerned about the tide and coastal flooding, but I just talked to the harbormaster and he said they dropped the

coastal flood watch," Deputy Fire Chief Wayne Sjostedt said.

"We're getting a few medical calls and calls for water leaks. When snow piles up like this, it leaks through electrical sockets and we have to go up and shut the water off," Sjostedt said.

There were no calls for power outages, and all the senior citizens on the Duxbury Emergency Management Agency's call list had been contacted and there were no problems, Sjostedt said.

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had to capture the commercial float after it broke free in the ice and winds on Monday afternoon, but otherwise the harbor and beach were fairly quiet, said Assistant Harbormaster Dennis Pearse.

"The latest I heard is that there may be some coastal splash over, nothing serious," Pearse said Tuesday afternoon.

Some snow drifts on the beach were over six and a half feet high, Pearse said, and the road out to Gurnet was mostly blocked, to allow the plows to clear the road.

"We were out there last night helping a guy in a Jeep who got stuck while trying to go check on his cottage. By the time we got him out, about half an hour later, we were driving back in deep, fresh snow," Pearse said.

Police were busy responding to minor vehicle accidents and keeping their parking lot clear, said Lt. Lewis Chubb.

The best thing for people to do is to stay home and let the DPW crews clear the

streets, Chubb said.

"People should stay home, and don't call unless it's an emergency. Everyone wants their street plowed, and the crews will get to it," Chubb said.

Staying inside can be difficult as the storm drags on, however. Paul Harrington, Depot St., was out shoveling paths in his driveway so eighteen-month old Dylan could enjoy the snow.

"It took quite a while just to do this," Harrington said, as he surveyed his work and the already four-foot high snow banks flanking his driveway.

Other residents were busy flagging down passing plows, trying to get their cars out of the A&P parking lot, and employees of several local stores made valiant attempts to clear walkways into their businesses.

More snow was forecast as the Clipper went to press.